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## Media places SSU Foundation under scrutiny, investigation

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Concerns raised by the local media have brought SSU administrators under fire, citing that the SSU Foundation Board was allegedly guilty of misspending university funds. Among the possible financial indiscretions mentioned in the press were the purchase of a \$5,388 and a presidential inauguration ceremony rumored to cost approximately \$44,000, rather than the highly reported expense of \$30,000.

The SSU Foundation attracts the contributions of millions of dollars from private donors. The Foundation aims to "bring money into the institution to afford opportunities that wouldn't be there otherwise," said SSU President Merwin, in an interview with local media.

A purchase made by the Foundation that created controversy in local circles was Merwin's desk, located in his Holloway Hall office. The desk, originally valued at \$11,000, is said to have been purchased by the Foundation, and therefore would not have cost Maryland taxpayers any money. Spurring much of the criticism of the purchase, however, was a memorandum sent by Merwin's administrative assistant, Dr. Karen Johnson, to top university and Foundation

administrators. The memo specifically requested confidentiality regarding the

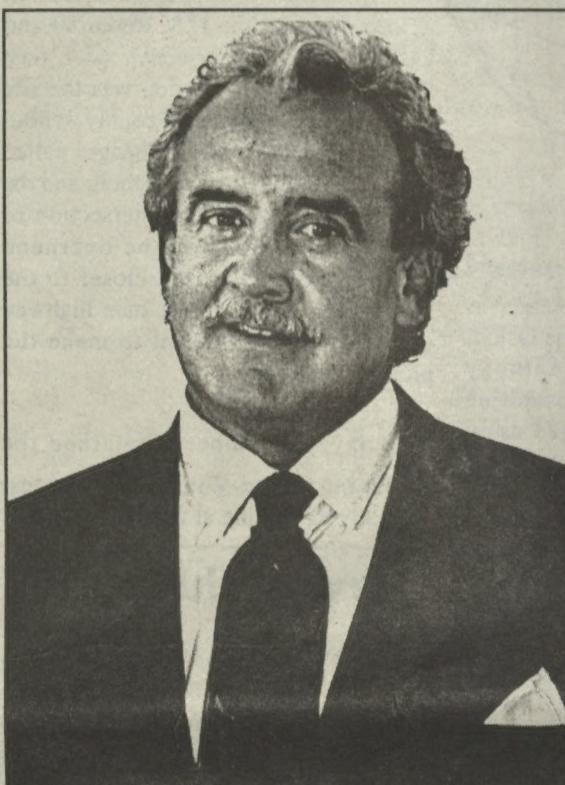
secret if, in fact, as the administration stated, there was nothing inappropriate in the purchase of the desk.

The cost of Merwin's 1997 inauguration ceremony is also causing concerns within the press. The entire ceremony was reported by administrators, at the time of the event, as requiring approximately \$14,000 less than its actual expense. The university administration claims that the inauguration, like the desk, was paid for entirely by private donations.

According to SSU administrators, the high-priced furniture and elaborate inauguration are necessary in order to bring national eminence to the university. They hoped to gain this recognition through student achievements,

faculty accomplishments and physical enhancements to the campus. The costs of various events and items, however, is bringing negative recognition to the university.

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President Merwin is one of several University administrators criticized for alleged indiscretions.

details of the purchase of the desk. The university community has since expressed concerns as to why it was so crucial for the matter to have been kept a

## Fundraiser's ethics questioned

Shelly Duguid  
News Editor

On October 31, Robert Gearhart Jr., SSU's former Director of Fundraising, will stop receiving his \$36,000 salary settlement, which he was granted in exchange for his resignation in March 1997 after being accused of unethical acts within the university's foundation.

After 16 years of service to SSU, Gearhart moved to South Carolina in 1997 to work full time as the Associate Chancellor for Development for the University of South Carolina. Gearhart, however, remained on the SSU payroll largely because of his work maintaining relations between SSU and two major financial donors.

Attention to Gearhart's dealings within the foundation began following the inauguration of the University's President William C. Merwin, in August 1996. It was then that Merwin called in state auditors to review Gearhart's practices.

In an official report released in June 1997, auditors criticized Gearhart for giving \$19,000 worth of business, during 1996 and 1997, to two companies by which his son was

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## President Merwin responds to media allegations

Alison Siegel  
Editor in Chief

In response to the recent criticism of certain administrative and financial procedures, President Merwin agreed to an interview with Alison Siegel, editor in chief of The Flyer. Printed below is a verbatim transcript of the entire interview, held in Merwin's office last Tuesday.

*What exactly were the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of Gearhart?*

First of all, Mr. Gearhart wasn't dismissed. He is currently employed in a very part-time capacity by Salisbury State University. Gearhart's departure from the institution was prompted by an audit that I requested in February of 1996. This was after consultants, who had arrived here to look at our readiness

to conduct a capital campaign, had suggested in conversations with some of the staff that there were some improprieties or some questionable administrative practices.

So the audit was conducted. In the midst of the audit, Mr. Gearhart came in and said "I would be prepared to depart from the institution and see if we can arrange for a peaceful settlement of this personal disagreement that we were having."

And so both sides arranged, and then attorneys, and it was agreed that Mr. Gearhart would depart, that he would be retained as a consultant to the president of the institution for the purpose of retaining his connection with certain key donors that he had worked with in the past.

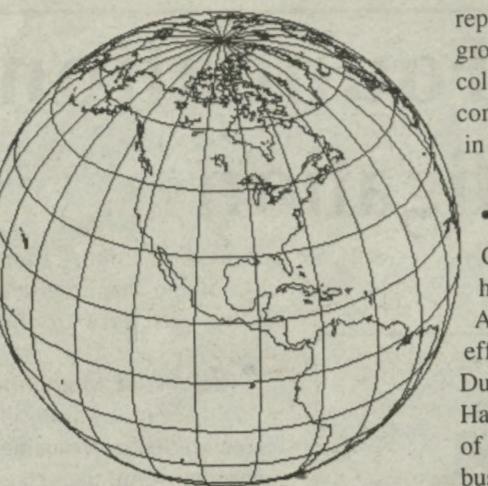
So, at approximately half of his salary, he was then kept on the payroll for over a year. Since that time, I might add, Mr. Gearhart has provided me with several consultant reports. I might add that it has produced positive results in at least one case. He goes off the payroll at the end of October of this year.

But it was certainly controversial at the time. We had thought that it was a very private personal issue, and both parties in the agreement agreed not to disparage one another, not to sue the university; it was fairly typical of the departure of such senior level administration.

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**National/World News**

• Despite the objections of the Democratic Party, the House Judiciary Committee voted Friday to release President Clinton's grand jury testimony in addition to the 2,800 pages of evidence in Independent Council Kenneth Starr's report. Officials designated Monday as the release date of the four-hour videotape of Clinton's grand jury testimony and an accompanying transcript.

**State/Local News**

• On Saturday, September 19, Miss Virginia Nicole Johnson, a 24-year-old diabetic who wears an insulin pump on her hip, was crowned Miss America 1999. Johnson, a graduate of the University of South Florida, recently completed her master's degree in journalism.

• Saturday, September 19, President Clinton sent Republicans back to the drawing board for a tax relief plan, promising to veto what he said was an irresponsible \$80 billion tax-cut package. He insisted on narrower cuts that would reserve surplus funds for Social Security.

**Overheard on Red Square**

*What SSU is talking about this week...*

**Removal of the kiosks**

Kiosks are gone! Um, wait...what's a kiosk?

**Common's confusion**

Where's the jelly? By the bagels? No, by the cereal, of course. Good idea, plenty of people put jelly on their Captain Crunch.

**The Flyer's first issue**

It's here! Only a week late. But hey, absence makes the heart grow fonder, or so they say.

**President Merwin's personal expenses**

A desk, a piano, a Ford Explorer, what's next? An intern?

**Merwin's luxurious lifestyle questioned****FOUNDATION**, from front page

The state of Maryland provides Merwin with numerous lifestyle benefits. The president lives, rent-free, in a state-furnished house. A grand piano, that was privately donated to the Foundation, resides in the president's home. Both Merwin's residence and his office in Holloway Hall have, at his request, undergone extensive renovations. The university community has raised concerns as to whether such benefits are given to all presidents in the University of Maryland System.

According to Roger Bruszewski, vice-president of business and finance at Frostburg State University, presidents of Maryland state universities have the option of either a state-provided house or a housing allowance. The president who chooses the housing allowance must pay the utility expenses for his home with his allowance. It is then the responsibility of the president to also use the allowance to hire any additional services that are needed, such as housekeeping or lawn care.

The presidents at Frostburg State University and the University of Maryland Baltimore County receive housing allowances, because there are no university-owned houses available to them.

President Merwin's utilities are paid for through the university, even

International Speedway. Over 100,000 spectators filled hotel rooms from Wilmington to Salisbury, anticipating the start of the festivities.

• Last week, Berlin has been chosen as the site for the filming of "Runaway Bride," featuring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. The plot of the romantic comedy centers around a small town woman, played by Roberts, who repeatedly gets engaged and leaves her grooms at the altar. Gere's character, a columnist, writes a story about her and consequently, upon their meeting, falls in love with her.

• Thursday, September 17, Talbot

County Public School officials went head-to-head with State Highway Administration representatives, in efforts to make the U.S. Route 50 and Dutchmans Lane intersection safer. Last Halloween, the intersection was the site of a collision between a county school bus and a tractor trailer. Changes called for a reduction in the speed limit, and the movement closer to the intersection of the rumble strips and the overhead flashing light be moved closer to the intersection. At this time, state highway officials appear hesitant to make the proposed changes.

• Sunday, September 20 marked the beginning of the Winston Cup races, with drivers starting at the Dover Downs

• Friday, September 18, the U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded a \$2.15 million grant to Aqua Mar Industries Inc. in Pocomoke City, expanding its fish production twofold and creating 15 new jobs. Such increases in Aqua Mar production are necessary to sustain the public demand for seafood, despite decreasing stock due to pollution and over harvesting in the oceans.

**Health Center announces changes in procedures**

Alison Siegel  
Editor in Chief

This fall, Student Health Services instituted a number of new policies, including the removal of walk-in and weekend hours. Students now must use the health center on an appointment-only basis, and some previously free services are only available at cost.

The reason for these changes, according to Jennifer Berkman, director of Student Health Services, was this summer's departure of two nurses from the SHS staff, John Zimmerman and Rosemary Cupp.

Zimmerman's resignation was expected, since it was announced last May. However, the retirement of Cupp came as surprise to the staff.

"What we did not know, and what the administration didn't know, was that Rosemary Cupp would be affected by the early retirement incentive," said Berkman. "That happened in late July, and that was what we had not anticipated. That's why we're in the predicament we're in."

The elimination of weekend hours from the health center's services was prompted by studies showing that the service was rarely utilized by

students. The expenses of maintaining an on-call, weekend staff were too large to justify being used by only a few students each month.

No other schools in the University of Maryland System have either walk-in or weekend hours provided by their health service centers. Berkman noted that the biggest problem with walk-ins is the fact that students have to wait, sometimes for hours, before they can be seen and treated.

"Based on the number of providers we have, it was hard enough for us to provide walk-ins last year," she said, "so we knew we were going to be in trouble if we continued to try to offer them this year."

The other big change in SHS this year, the charges made to students for specialized services, was spurred by the lack of funds to the department. "There is no fee charged to students to use SHS," said Berkman. The budget allotted to SHS could not afford to pay for the materials that were needed for services such as immunizations and medical screenings.

All other schools in the University of Maryland charge for such

services, so SHS decided to institute nominal fees for them. According to Berkman, all of the charges made by the health center are less than the services would cost if students looked to obtain them on their own.

SHS is encouraging students to make appointments as soon as they realize that there is a problem. If the student feels better before the time of the appointment, they are asked to call the health center and cancel the appointment, in order to free the slot for other students.

According to Berkman, the length of time necessary to wait for an appointment varies according to the health problem. "If it's urgent, they'll be seen the same day. If it's a bad cold, they'll wait anywhere from 2-3 days," she said.

The staff at SHS encourages all students to provide them with feedback and suggestions concerning the changes made to the health center procedures. Berkman said, "We certainly try to be responsive to students. We're really open to what the students' needs are, and we would like to work with them in the future."

**Gearhart's practices bring about changes in financial policies****GEARHART**, from front page

baseball cards.

In his press release, Gearhart stated, "Nothing that I did deviated from existing policies and nothing that I did resulted in personal gain."

As for the \$19,000 worth of business awarded to his son's employers, Gearhart argued that the prices were reasonable, his son did not work on commission and that the foundation had no policy on soliciting outside bids.

Gearhart has repaid his personal expenses, but in some cases he did so only after the University Foundation's bookkeeper questioned him.

The foundation has volunteer boards of business leaders to monitor spending, pay accounting firms to

conduct annual audits and file summaries of their assets and expenses with the secretary of the state of Maryland. Some critics say the accountants do not probe enough, while others argue that Gearhart is an isolated case.

Officials of the University pointed out that Gearhart's actions did not financially affect the school, compared to the millions of dollars he has raised

for the university over his 16 years of service.

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## Camden Compact promises evolution not revolution

Shelly Duguid  
News Editor

In an effort to solve the continuing dilemma of off-campus parties and property destruction, four groups have pledged to promote change in the Camden Avenue area.

The Camden Compact is a collaborative attempt to build a better community between the University, the city of Salisbury, the Salisbury Area Property Owners Association and the Camden Avenue Association.

The four main purposes of the Compact include strengthening neighbor relations, developing respect for each other and the law, creating a sense of civic pride and formulating a collaborative problem solving system between the groups.

Everyone involved agrees that the Camden Compact is just the beginning of a long term process to

external affairs within the Student Government Association, has been working with the CNA since he was elected last February. Roth addressed the need for a liaison between students, landlords and the community. "If you know your neighbor and you are friends with your neighbor, chances are you're going to respect your neighbor," said Roth.

Last Wednesday marked the Camden Compact Committee's first official meeting since the release of the Compact in August. During the meeting the groups discussed the Compact's progress.

Barry King, vice president of student affairs, noted the concern to expand University policy dealing with students found engaging in the illegal sale and distribution of alcohol off-campus. The current legislation does not grant the University jurisdiction over such matters.

King, who is a member of the Task Force on Alcohol Abuse, a group of students, faculty and staff created in November 1996 to address issues raised by such abuse, says that the committee hopes to have an "honest discussion" with all groups within the University's shared government sometime this semester to discuss the possible policy change.

The relocation of the Crossroads next year, after the destruction of Powell Hall, is an added concern, since the club provides a safe recreational location for students of all ages. University administration is currently looking for an alternative site for the facility.

Mayor Barrie Parsons Tilghman addressed the need for more activities for students within the community. Tilghman noted that the community always looks to the University, and now it's time that the University looks to the community.

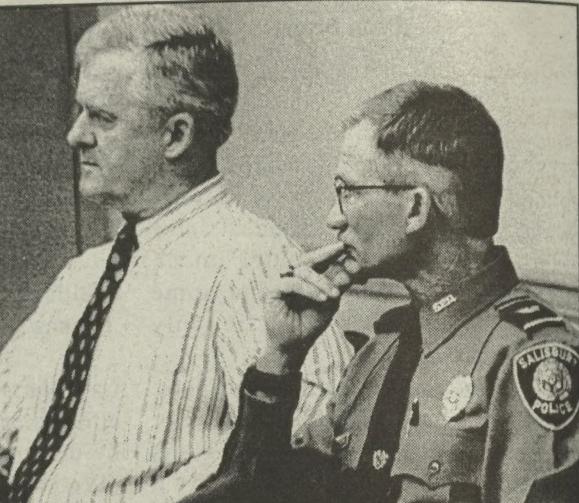
SAPOA has agreed to provide police and the Camden Neighborhood Association with a 24 hour contact number for all residents, including students, to call. The landlords also plan to ensure that student tenants understand the full terms of their lease.

The Camden Neighborhood Association's (CNA) main focus is on unity and cooperation. Block Captains will welcome SSU neighbors and include them in community activities.

Lee Roth, vice president of

Acting Salisbury Police Chief, Colonel Ed Guthrie, urged students not to fear the police, and to call for their assistance if a party gets out of hand.

As for stricter law enforcement of loud parties, Tilghman said, "If the students call and inform their neighbors ahead of time, they tend to be more tolerant."



Director of Public Works Wil Elliott (left) and Col. Ed Guthrie listen attentively during last week's meeting.

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## Greek Council announces new fraternity Search continues for founding fathers . . .

Shelly Duguid  
News Editor

Salisbury State University's campus is considered, by some, to be small. Someone realized that the school was expanding and decided the campus needed to match its growing enrollment. That someone, who wishes to remain anonymous, recently donated over 400 acres of land to SSU.

The land, located 30 miles away, more than quadruples the size of the 128-acre campus. The property contains 7,000 feet of waterfront according to Martin Williams, SSU's vice president of advancement.

Williams said that the property includes a house, a garage and an old ice house that was once used for seafood.

The anonymous donor has requested that the property be sold to establish an endowment for SSU's engineering program. The sale of the property is not expected for at least two years.

Meanwhile, until the property is sold, the land can be used for marine studies, biology and student activities such as sailing and outdoor clubs.

Faculty, as well as the SSU sailing team, have already started using the land.

President, Jay Tringone, believes that from the research done by the IFC over the past year and a half, ASP was the best Greek organization to push the Greek system ahead. "Our goal is to make the Greek system more positively

age with first year students.

ASP has a philanthropic partnership with Canine Companions for Independence. Canine Companions for Independence is a national non-profit organization that provides and trains dogs to assist individuals with disabilities.

With over \$12 million, the largest unrestricted educational endowment of any national fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi's Educational Foundation offers promising benefits to all its members. ASP grants an estimated \$30,000 in scholarships a year.

In the past few years, ASP has expanded to eight new schools, the most recent being the University of Maryland at College Park. There are 61 national chapters and four "colonies", also known as chapters in progress, including SSU.

"We are very excited that we have the opportunity to expand the Greek System and Alpha Sigma Phi was an excellent choice," said Greek Council Advisor Joe Oravec.



Alpha Sigma Phi Expansion Consultant, Drew Thawley discusses fraternity's brotherhood.

Since the spring of 1997 the Inter-fraternity Council has been looking for a new fraternity to enhance SSU Greek Life. After much review, Alpha Sigma Phi was selected.

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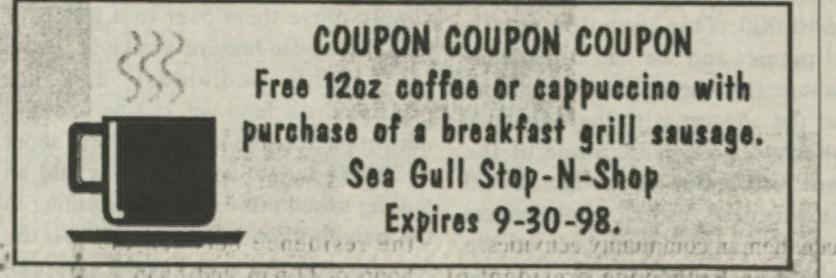
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## Questions and answers continue: Merwin's side of the story

MERWIN, from front page

*Do you care to comment on the purchase of the desk for your office and the circumstances and the controversy surrounding that purchase?*

Sure, sure, and I think it's understandable that there is some controversy of sort. And, the fact remains, it's a little bit embarrassing. At the time that all this was happening, this entire suite was under renovation. I was living in the trailers over on St. Martin's beach. And my executive assistant, Karen Johnson, who you may want to talk to, by the way, was really kind of in charge of the renovation of the office.

We were running out of state money to completely refurbish all of the offices. The rooms had been gutted, and we kept some of the furniture, and some of the furniture was moved around. Anyway, to make a long story short, Dr. Johnson had been working with an interior decorator. They looked at a bunch of desks, and Karen said something to me about that they had an opportunity to get a real bargain in a desk for half price, and maybe under the circumstances that the Foundation might even be willing to present a desk to the new president, and would that be okay, and I said of course.

Well, as it turns out, it was an \$11 thousand desk that cost over \$5 thousand. But, I guess in justification for it, the rest of the furniture in the office was far less expensive. Now, I suppose if there was x number of dollars to furnish the office, we may have spent more on the desk and less on the chairs. And some people do in some cases.

I think the staff felt that since the president often is the host for presidents of corporations and other dignitaries who come to the university for one reason or another, that the office had to be presentable in some fashion.

I'm also the chief fund-raiser for the institution, and I think it's appropriate and certainly not a shabby looking office. When I was in the trailers, for example, I think that it was much more difficult for me to present some presidential image than it is over here.

But a \$5000 desk, I'm not going to sit here today and tell you it was a wonderful purchase, because I'm a bit embarrassed by it, frankly.

*Were you aware of the price of this purchase?*

Not really.

*What was the actual cost of the inauguration ceremony?*

I think the total on the thing was a little over \$40,000. This included an all-school picnic, and we had dignitaries somewhere else; the night before we had the concert with the Salisbury Symphony. Those were some of the expenses for it. But we brought in 450 out-of-town guests, including messengers from the governor, members of the cabinet, all the presidents of the

university system. Presidents from all over the country were in the processional, and frankly, I believe that it was an investment in the future of Salisbury State University that I believe has paid off.

We are certainly on our road to national eminence. U.S. News and World Report, for the last two years, has cited us. That has never happened before. I happen to believe that sometimes letting other presidents, who by the way voted [in U.S. News], helps publicize and promote the institution. So, that's a little over \$40,000.

And by the way, I didn't have much of a choice in having the inauguration. All of the members of the University System of Maryland get inaugurated. Dr. Langenberg was asking me when it was going to happen. I'm sure \$40,000 is not a volume that is [unlike] other inaugurations. *Several sources at the time of the inauguration reported the cost as \$30,000. Do you know where that figure came from?*

Anyway, it looked like the deal was beginning to fall apart. So I called this individual in, and we talked about it. I said, "We're not going to buy it." End of statement. The controversial part of it, Alison, was the fact that the foundation board put up \$5000 in earnest money. This is common to hold it. The proposed seller to the property said he had over \$5000 into blueprints for the property, title searches, attorneys' fees and those kind of things. So we said, okay, we went into this with both of us being straight up with the thing, and the deal didn't work out. We'll forfeit the \$5000. So that's what happened. Once again, that's all foundation [privately-raised] money. None of that's state money.

*Do you feel that there were some unethical qualifications in the scholarship that Sam Brown subsequently set up, in that it was so specific?*

I think all of it came from private donors. That's my belief.

*What exactly were the circumstances surrounding the Onley Road purchase?*

It's a parcel of property of about seven acres of land located over near where the women play softball, it's at the end of Bateman St., when you go around the corner, anyway, it looked like a good place. One of the members of our board had this property, and he knew that we were looking for a place to relocate Dogwood Village. We have 15 temporary buildings that have been temporary buildings for 15 years. And we needed extra parking space for the new Commons Building. So our thought was to pick those buildings up and simply move them over to a parcel of land that was to become available.

This individual had not purchased the land yet, but he had told our people that the land was worth about \$400,000 dollars and that he would be willing to sell this to us for something in the neighborhood of \$260,000. So the foundation board accepted the proposal.

move that piano out if there's a demand for that piano in, say, the music department or something like that?" And he said, "Of course not." And so, we have a lot of affairs at the house where the piano is played. Sometimes students play, sometimes faculty. We've had composers over there playing the piano. Pianos are hard to move. *Was the foundation aware that the piano would be kept in your house, as opposed to the music department?*

Oh sure. Yes. I mean, everybody knew. We have a new piano, for example, over in the alumni house that is a loaner. Somebody just wanted to display a piano; they knew a lot of people are there. Those things happen quite often.

So, Sam Brown received a tax deduction for his contribution. So, officially it's donated to the foundation. The foundation immediately transfers the title over to the state, so it does belong, in fact, to the state. It doesn't belong to the Merwins or anything like that.

*So the money that he received in the tax deduction was just exactly what he paid for it; it was not any more?*

Absolutely. He's a very wealthy, honest man. This is not somebody who's trying to cheat the federal government over a few dollars for a tax deduction. And I know there are people who want to try to develop that conspiracy theory, but that just isn't true. That's terribly unfair. To denigrate a donor, someone who's given this institution those kind of dollars, and then turn around and think that he's evading taxes or something, that's really very harmful.

*Do you feel that there were some unethical qualifications in the scholarship that Sam Brown subsequently set up, in that it was so specific?*

No, not at all. He received exactly whatever it was. I think it was somewhat under \$8000. Sam Brown [the donor of the piano] had given us \$3.2 million. The first time I ever met him, we were sitting over in the house, and Debbie, that's my wife, and I were just moving in, and he asked her what she was going to put in that corner. She said, "Well my husband's going to buy me a piano." We had a piano at our last school; they had a big music school in Potsdam. She said "He's going to buy me a piano someday." Sam said, "Is that true, Bill? Are you going to buy her a piano?" I said, "Yeah, we'll wait till we're here for awhile, and we can afford it." And he said, "Well, I'll buy you a piano. It'll be a piano for this house, located right there."

So, to make a long story short, he went out and bought us a piano. And it was my assumption that he designated the piano to be used in the President's house, but that it would be a state piano. And we talked about it later on. I said, "Well, Sam, do you mind if I would

**MERWIN**, from page 6  
because they were only run out one time, there was only applicant for each one of these positions. That part made me pretty uncomfortable, to be honest with you.

I didn't have to worry about the Woodbridge Scholarship after the first semester, because the student recipient of it failed academically and withdrew from the university. However, in the case of the second recipient, the donor in this case wanted to increase the size of the scholarship, which was contrary to the stipulation in the scholarship. The scholarship was a \$1000 scholarship.

Absolutely not. *Is there anything else you feel you would like the university community to know about the allegations that appeared in the media?*

Well, only that one would have to question the motives of people who are bringing these kinds of allegations at the time. I think that's appropriate for any reporter to question why would somebody raise these allegations, if not to discredit the university and the president in some way. And I guess one would have to ask, why would they want to do that?

*Given the recent criticism, what do you feel that you've accomplished during your administration?*

Well, we have, in my two years, for the first time in the history of

the institution, been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a top-notch institution. We have raised over \$9 million for the institution. We have worked hard to develop a strategic plan that has won the support of the Board of Regents. We have, and I think it will happen this year, we'll be receiving from the state a new science building, valued at over \$30 million. We have put into place a general education task force that will look at all of the gen-ed requirements for the institution. Our applications for admissions to the institution have gone up considerably since I have been here. We have hired 50 new faculty and a number of new staff that I believe bring credit to the institution.

I think the point here, Alison, in both the land deal and the scholarship arrangement, both of them were bordering on being inappropriate. And when I saw that, I took the action, even in spite of the fact that I have probably lost one of the most generous donors that the institution has ever had, to do the fair and ethical thing. I think that's a real important point. The student got the scholarship. He got the money. The donor got his money back. The IRS was not cheated in this case. And there was no victim.

*Do other university presidents, that you know of, in the University of Maryland System receive similar benefits to those that you receive from the university, namely the renovations made to your home, or the state-paid staff for your home, or the use of a state vehicle, and other luxuries?*

There are a lot; I haven't really had a chance to think too much about it. In a two year period of time, and I've been a president in two other places, often it takes you two years just to get to know the players. We really started here rather quickly. That strategic plan of ours gives us the blueprint for the kind of national recognition that I think this institution deserves. I think we've been a well-kept secret.

I'll give you another good example. You're a person who's interested in news writing. In 1996 we received 35 national media placements.

I asked Gaines Hawkins in the Public Relations department to see if he could increase that. So the next year he had doubled it; he had 75 media placements. Guess how many we had last year: 150. That's not just U.S. News and World Report or USA Today, but The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal. We have, I think, made significant inroads in bringing national attention to the Salisbury State institution.

vacuuming the rug in the middle of the day. So my answer is yes, it would be my understanding that Dr. Spikes, for example, has a home, is provided, is furnished, and someone maintains it, and so forth.

*Overall, do you believe that the practices of both you and the foundation during the past two years have been unethical?*

Absolutely not.

*Is there anything else you feel you would like the university community to know about the allegations that appeared in the media?*

I think image is important too, Alison. I just do. Not that I can justify—I wish I had a \$100 desk; it would be fine, as far as I'm concerned. But I think it's important that we look right, that our campus is beautiful. We opened up the new Commons Building during my time here. The fact is, in a few minutes I'm going to do a telephone interview with a national, they're sending a film crew to film the Commons Building. That'll be this week.

So, I think there have been some things that have been accomplished. If I would have done absolutely nothing, I suppose there would be no controversy. And we would just sort of go along and say that we're just going to keep doing things the way the previous administration did it. But that's not what they wanted. They wanted somebody that was going to make some things happen.

It's such a friendly campus too. I had two other job offers at the time that I took this one. Both of the others were more money, and I chose this one for a lot of reasons. One of the reasons was the way it looked. I thought it had such great potential for sort of breaking out into something that's really significant. To be a school like, oh, The College of New Jersey or Genesee, or some of those schools that have really gained, in the last ten years or so, national recognition. I thought, we have the potential to do that, and, if we don't do it here, I think it would be a real travesty.

Because we've got great students; we've got a wonderful faculty; we've got beautiful grounds.

*What concerns the students is just that little things like this, little scandals that come out in the media, will have an affect on the reputation that the school's been gaining. As students here, we're proud of the reputation, and we definitely want our degree to say something. We don't want to be associated with a school that had problems.*

You know, another thing I'll say to you, that happened just over the summer, is the Camden Compact. The relationship, frankly, with our neighbors before I came here was really bad. And I would get calls from neighbors on Sunday mornings, and I remember I had to go over one morning and look at all the beer cans in their backyard. I had to help them pick them up. So, we've been working on something like this for about a year and a half. I think there's a greater sense of positive relations that are going on.

You can say, well, what does all that mean? I think it enhances your degree from here. I think, if you go on to graduate school coming from Salisbury State University, it'll mean something to the people who admit you. I think that if you go apply for a job in Ohio or Pennsylvania graduating from a top-notch school like Salisbury State you'll have an advantage. So, I think we've made some accomplishments.

There's an article that appeared in this morning's paper, [The Daily Times] and here are three major donors, in answer to your question, who were interviewed by Hugh Brochelle, and he talked to Richard Henson, from the Henson School of Science; he talked to Sam Seidel from the Seidel School of Professional Studies, and he talked to Sam Brown, the \$3.2 million donor. And all three of them say no, they're going to weather the storm.

So, did it hurt us? I think it'll hurt us with certain people. I think there will be people who, for awhile, will question us, and it'll be harder for me to win the trust and the confidence of another donor for awhile, but I suspect, after a period of time, most of this will go by the boards, and we'll keep moving.

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I've got a great foundation board. I mean, they feel under fire right now because of all these questions that are being brought up. They haven't done anything that's unethical. They really haven't. I think probably we needed some tighter procedures and some things like that, but we're putting all that into place. It'll work.

*Do you think that the recent criticism will damage either fundraising efforts or the overall reputation of the university?*

No. I'm working so hard with people like you, with The Daily Times and The Baltimore Sun to try to explain as truthfully and as honestly as I can what really did happen and that we really haven't done anything that's unethical. Unfortunately, you find yourself in the position of almost protesting too much. It's like President Clinton out saying he didn't do it; he didn't do it. So, people are pretty cynical

about that right now, about presidents denying that anything was wrong. And unfortunately, for timing for us, it is right now.

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## Allegations Look Bad to SSU Students

When students apply to a college or university, they do so with the hopes that the degree they earn from that institution will get them somewhere in life. They look for schools associated with high standards, academic excellence and competitive programs of study. They hope to graduate with degrees that reflect hard work, a comprehensive understanding of a variety of subjects, a specialization in the career of their choice, and the experience and training necessary to succeed in their field. Not usually a consideration, however, is the media attention given to the school, specifically criticism by the local newspapers of alleged administrative misconduct.

As President Merwin, The SSU Foundation Board and other administrators struggle to defend the various accusations stemming from the

local presses, students cannot help but wonder how the media attention will affect them. SSU, as a multi-faceted institution, has worked hard in recent years to gain a national reputation as a school of high standards and quality. In the past, the university was praised in the media for its continued pursuit of excellence. Lately, however, the majority of the press seems to be negative.

The question that remains, however, is how others will react to the recent negative publicity. Will graduate schools and future employers look down upon students with undergraduate degrees from a university recently linked with scandal?

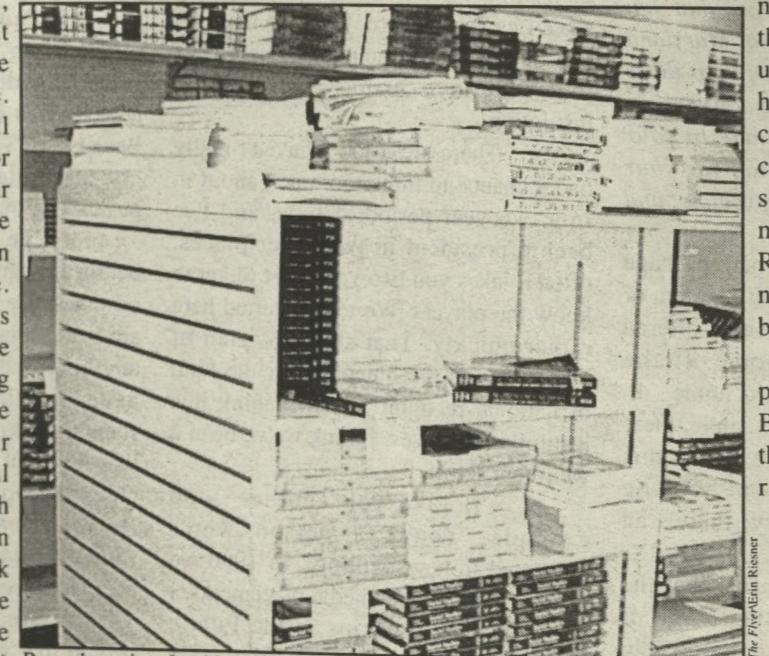
Most of the allegations concerning the president and the Foundation Board accuse the administrators of financial indiscretions, bad investments and poor judgment. Clearly, these accusations could harm the university's fundraising efforts, which, to date, have been exceptionally successful. Previously generous donors may become skeptical about

contributing large sums of money to a Foundation Board that is under scrutiny.

## Book Rack's policies cause concerns around campus

Dear Flyer Editor:

If you aren't already disgusted, enraged or perturbed with SSU's book store, The Book Rack, here's something that should surely force everyone over the edge. Credit card users are well aware of the procedure for purchasing items using their cards. You make a purchase and complete the transaction by signing your name. However, students purchasing merchandise from The Book Rack using their credit cards are required to provide their vital and personal social security number along with their signature. (Note: when my parents have made Book Rack purchases over the past two years, they were not held to this procedure.) One might view this credit card issue, as The Book



Procedures involved in purchasing textbooks and other items are causing alarm.

information. This information, if in the wrong hands, could have devastating and vast illegal consequences.

I believe there is no relevant reason for The Book Rack to require social security numbers on credit card receipts. By publicizing that information, student credit card users

are unknowingly empowering The Book Rack to probe through their confidential university records. The Book Rack claims that they need our social security numbers in the event that they might need to reach us. Then the question is, how does The Book Rack contact non-student credit card users who don't have student i.d. numbers? In my opinion, The Book Rack should use our last names and the phone book.

Upon questioning this practice, I was told by a Book Rack manager that this issue would be under review in the future. I decided to comply after being threatened that my transaction would not be completed otherwise. I fear that the time when this issue will be reviewed won't come soon enough.

So, fellow student credit card users, here is one more reason to beware of The Book Rack!

Kevin P. Seidel  
SSU Sophomore

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## SSU receives nationally recognized rankings

Emily Nock  
Flyer Staff Writer

The ratings are in. U.S. News and World Report has selected the top ten public regional universities in the northern section of the country. Holding the number nine ranking, for the second year in a row, is SSU.

Director of Public Relations Gain Hawkins claimed that this was no surprise. Though he is proud of how the school has done, he admitted that he was actually somewhat disappointed. "I had hoped that we would be higher," he said.

Students agree that it was no surprise, but something that the school should receive. "It is such a small school to be well known, but it is not a shock. The ratings were well deserved," freshman Theresa Duwel stated.

In addition to these ratings, SSU has also gotten attention from two other magazines this year. Kiplinger's magazine placed the college at number 56 out of 600 public universities in the country. The college was also profiled in the March edition of Baltimore magazine.



The addition of the Commons has helped to give SSU the prestigious rankings it yearns for.

According to Hawkins, these ratings will help students by raising the value of a SSU diploma. With growing recognition of the school, students will find it easier to obtain jobs after

graduation or gain admissions to graduate schools.

Another positive effect of these ratings is on the campus morale. President William Merwin told The Daily Times in a recent interview that, since the

ratings had come out, overall campus morale was higher.

As for students, the effects seem obvious so far. An increased sense of pride in the school has been created. "It's been surprising. Being a local, you don't expect it to be so good," sophomore John Gotwalt, who is from the Salisbury area,

commented after hearing the new ratings. "I am proud to be going here and proud that the school is doing so well."

## Sophanes provides SSU with theatre for the masses

Amber Pilon  
Flyer Staff Writer

Artistic and personal exploration in a comfortable, inviting atmosphere is what SSU's theatre group, Sophanes, offers to all interested students.

Whether it is backstage, on

stage or at its weekly meetings, Sophanes provides the opportunity for students of all ages and majors to dabble in theatre and possibly learn a little about themselves too. Professor of Communication Arts Andrew Hepburn said, "How do you come to know [and to define] yourself. By working [alongside others] in a group."

This spring, Sophanes will produce its annual student-run play. Directed by senior Joshua Knapp, the 1960s drama Moonchildren will appear April 30, May 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. The audition dates for this play have yet to be announced.

Most dates for tryouts and Sophanes events can be subject to change. If interested, contact any Sophanes member or theatre professor or drop by a Wednesday meeting.

Certainly, there is work to be done. The theatre department welcomes volunteers dealing with all aspects. Some backstage avenues are concession stands, costumes, lighting, prop construction, stage makeup and more. No prior knowledge or theatre classes are required for participation. Hepburn explained that Sophanes "is not an advanced experience in theatre. It's for the novice." In addition, students can drop in on any of Sophanes' weekly meetings every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in room 203 of Fulton Hall.

Sophanes has planned an active schedule of activities for the fall semester. Wednesday, Sept. 23 will bring special guest artist Paul Zimmerman who will introduce various impromptu acting activities. Sophanes president, accounting and finance major

Trish Eckstein, noted that such Improv Nights will help even non-theatre majors to express themselves. "Almost all things designed [by Sophanes] will help you with your opinion of yourself," she said.

A stage lighting workshop is scheduled for Sept. 30, an interest meeting for Sophanes' annual trip to New York's Broadway will be Nov. 4 and a stage makeup session is planned for Nov. 11.

Tension-relieving Game Nights are scheduled during the midterm and final exam periods of Oct. 14 and Dec. 2.

Sophanes leaders Eckstein, vice president Katie Profili, secretary Jocelyn Wright and treasurer Cate Sheehy are considering additional activities as well. Hosting a murder mystery show, traveling to see a production of The Hobbit and Christmas caroling are all tentative projects.

Finally, all students are welcome to audition for any of SSU's productions. One upcoming opportunity will be in November, when Director of Theatre Paul Pfeiffer holds auditions for the musical A Funny Thing Happened



Sophanes first event was a great success.

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# WHO'S WHO AT SSU?

## Spectacular Student: John Pritchett

*A weekly look at SSU's excellent academics*

Jennifer Martin  
Flyer Staff Writer

Last week he saw Pearl Jam at Madison Square Garden in New York City, and this week John Pritchett will see them again. Only, this time, he will be close enough to touch them. "I have front-row center tickets," he said enthusiastically. It's a wonder how Pritchett finds time to enjoy events like this.

Currently SGA president, vice-president of the financial management association, and a DJ on WSUR, just to name a few, it is amazing that this exceptional senior finds time to sleep. "I wouldn't know how to function if I wasn't busy," Pritchett said.

Growing up in Easton, a graduate of Easton high school, Pritchett was just as involved and outgoing as he is now. Pritchett ran track all throughout high school, participated in the student council, the varsity club and habitat for humanity. Pritchett also played soccer and coached a youth soccer team. "I was



The Flyer Courtesy of John Pritchett  
SGA President John Pritchett

greatest challenge as SGA president.

Pritchett ran for office because of his concern for the student community. "I really hope to convey the student voice," he said. Although frustrating at times, it is a challenge that Pritchett welcomes. Recently, the SGA received approval allowing five more channels to be added to the campus network, including

## Spotlight on Robert Tregenza



Dana Cassidy  
Flyer Staff Writer

Each week in Spotlight, Dana Cassidy ventures out into SSU's hallowed halls of academia in search of campus profiles.

Robert Tregenza, new member of the SSU faculty as an associate professor of Communication Arts, is self-described as a "teacher, writer, director." Tregenza joins SSU this semester to teach interviewing and writing for broadcasting, and is backed by a lengthy list of credentials which is sure to impress even the most discerning student.

Tregenza, who received a doctorate of philosophy in theatre arts, motion picture/television from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1982, has been teaching at the graduate and undergraduate level for over 25 years. In conjunction, he has been making films since he was an undergraduate at California State University (CSU), Northridge in 1968.

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The Flyer Review  
Robert Tregenza brings expertise and flavor to CMAT classes at SSU.  
Rockland Public Utilities and Baltimore Gas and Electric.

a little more time on his hands. His term as president will end in December and his classes will be much easier. "I'll have more time to relax," he said with an anticipating sigh.

Pritchett will no doubt have a full resume which may make his chances of working with Merrill Lynch a little easier. Interning for them last year in the financial services district, Pritchett would like to work for them next fall at their corporate office located in New Jersey.

Although unsure if he will be there in a year, it is hard to believe that he won't succeed. With his perseverance and extraordinary people skills, Pritchett's hard work and tireless effort will certainly pay off. Right now, he just wants to take his last year day by day and have fun. Tomorrow he will certainly be having fun at the Pearl Jam concert. It seems like Pritchett is never bored, and he spends his free time with as much enthusiasm as he takes to the office of SGA president.

Next semester, however, he will have

Tregenza's critically acclaimed films merit significant mention. Since 1988, Tregenza has written and directed three 35mm feature films. His first film, Talking to Strangers, was nominated by the IFP/West "Spirit" Awards in 1990 for the categories Best First Director and Best Cinematography. Jonathan Rosenbaum of "The Chicago Reader" called the film a "masterpiece."

Tregenza went on to write and produce The Arc in 1991 and is currently basking in the glow of his 1997 movie Inside/Out. This movie was shown at the Cannes Film Festival and was reviewed by Kimberly Newman for "The Hollywood Reporter." Newman's review included, "Lacking the plot or emotional impact of the mainstream Awakenings or One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," this independent production is an extraordinary visual experience...This film represents perhaps the height of cinematic style, but possibly also the nadir of public appeal. Put another way, it is not for the intellectually infirm or impatient. Only true cinematic enthusiasts need attend."

Tregenza and his wife, who he married 20 years ago after meeting her on a Hollywood set where she was a

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# What's happening? A guide to campus events

## Journey to another land

Janene White & Veena Narang  
Special to The Flyer

There is no place quite like Ecuador. Where else can you stand in ancient Incan ruins, hike at 13,000 feet through the clouds of the Andes, eat tropical fruits in December, visit two hemispheres at the same time, bathe in ancient volcanic baths, bargain with indigenous craftsmen in the marketplace and have a life changing experience?

Last Christmas day I hugged my nervous family goodbye and, along with my friend Veena, hopped a plane to Miami, our first stop on the way to the capital city of Quito. We had both seen the token, "Come to Ecuador slides" in Spanish class, been to the interest meetings and done a little tour guide reading, but honestly, nothing prepared us for what we would find a day and a half later when we landed in the Quito airport. Greeted by hordes of Ecuadorean awaiting their loved ones, our first impressions of this new country were mysterious and strange. We anticipated little of what we would come to experience and love during the next four weeks.

Throughout the next month, our group encountered a country rich in the diversities of people, language and custom. The Salisbury itinerary allowed for students to stop and experience life in three different cities: the capital city of Quito, the resort town of Banos de Ambato and,

finally, the colonial city of Cuenca. Traveling through Ecuador with faculty from SSU and Frostburg created a sense of community among all the travelers and even made the long bus rides fun. Once in Cuenca, students participated in a variety of classes at the Centro de Estudios Interamericanos. Other cultural activities were offered, including Latin American dance lessons, Saturday excursions and lectures on the environmental policies of foreign companies in the Amazon region, area politics and national struggles.

Living with host families for part of our stay also helped to enrich the cultural knowledge we gained about the country. Talking, eating and spending time at the country hacienda with our native families provided experiences that can never be recreated in the classroom. Many of the students still communicate with their host families as we are now truly part of their families. The time spent in Ecuador will leave you with many memories of the welcoming spirit of the people, the incredible landscape, the unique culture and the intrigue of a nation still developing and finding its niche in the world. Like us, you will probably spend afternoons, long after your trip, looking at your pictures, remembering the one-of-a-kind experiences you had and planning your next, perhaps a return trip.

For more information, please come to one of the interest meetings on September 24 in Caruthers Hall 105 at 3:30 pm or at 7:30 for more specific details. You may, of course, call visit or write to: Dr. G.R. St. Martin, Department of Modern Languages, Salisbury State University, Language House, Camden Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801-6860; or call:

SSU welcomes Tregenza and wishes him luck at the Toronto Film Festival!

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## Interviewing nothing new for teacher

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stunt double, work together for their labor of love films. In addition, his daughter, Eareckson, an 18-year-old student at St. John's College in Annapolis, plays the harp in the background music for Inside/Out.

Professors from Frostburg, SSU and St. Ambrose University will be among the staff offering second and fourth semester Spanish classes, a class in Andean Culture and an advanced Spanish literature class.

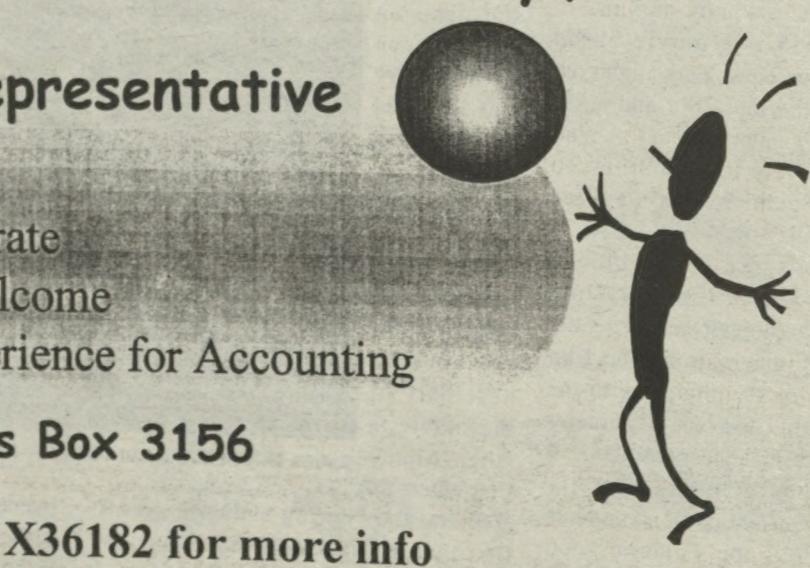
There are also courses taught in English on Latin American women; these courses will have a one hour a day session in "survival" Spanish for those with no previous exposure to that language. This year, for the first time, there are courses in English on Latin American History and Social Work issues in Ecuador taught by professors from St. Ambrose University. Transfer of the credits for these courses needs to be arranged with the chair of the department housing these disciplines at SSU.

The program will run from Dec. 26, 1998 to Jan. 17, 1999 and will cost \$2,075. This fee is all inclusive (round trip airfare from Miami [depending on current negotiations - Newark, NJ - Quito] to Quito, housing, most meals, ground transportation in Ecuador, in state tuition and fees for three credits, etc.)

After spending the majority of the first half of the year traveling and working in Europe, Tregenza is pleased to be at SSU. He said he was first impressed with the aesthetics of the campus. In addition, he said, "Initially I was very impressed with the way technology has been integrated into the teaching process...it (technology) opens up the classroom, particularly when you're teaching media."

Paul Scovell, chair of the communications department, said the response to Tregenza from his peers and students has been positive so far. Mike Starace, a junior who is one of Tregenza's interviewing students, said, "My first impression of Dr. Tregenza was that he was a very laid back individual. You could tell by his hair and the way he dressed in jeans. I hope to gain from him a fantastic insight of how to be a great interviewer with his background and his insight into the movie industry."

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# What's happening? A guide to campus events

## So what exactly is 'gay' anyway?

Rebecca James  
Special to The Flyer

With little fanfare, SSU made history. Last Tuesday marked the beginning of SSU's first Gay and Lesbian literature Studies class, taught by professor of English Polly Stewart. Stewart is the creator and energy behind the class, which was designed to give

Many of the assigned authors wrote long before the term 'homosexual' was coined about 130 years ago; 'gay' used in this context has only been used for a few decades. Inevitably, the question arose: what exactly is 'gay' writing? Since some of the authors would probably not subscribe to the '90s definition of 'gay,' we must ask "what exactly is 'gay'?"



Polly Stewart (left) and Rebecca James are both involved in GALA.

students a taste of gay and lesbian writing, an aspect of literature that often gets overlooked in English classes.

people, political figures, religious and civic leaders, teachers, parents and much more. Gay lives revolve around sex no

more frequently than in straight lives. In

identifying as 'lesbian,' it means that the

most fulfilling intellectual, emotional

and physical relationships occur with

other women. Stereotypes and

homophobia happen when people do not

have the

information

and familiarity

with gay people

that allows

them to realize

that the gay

population is as

diverse as the

entire world's

population.

The label 'gay' lets many people feel that they can assume certain things, as if 'coming out of the closet' requires leaving the individual self behind. This

idea is not just perpetrated by straight culture; some gay people, overcome by the thrill of acceptance for the first time in their lives, are guilty too. What everyone needs to remember is the idea

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## Cactus Taverna hits the spot

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smoke a cigarette before staying a while longer.

Much to our surprise, when we returned to our table, we were delighted to find two beautiful desserts compliments of Imad. Although we were full, we could not resist the beautiful and incredibly fresh strawberries topped with a sinful homemade whipped cream. We were also surprised with my favorite, flan. It was smooth and creamy, served with a rich caramel sauce with lemon essence. Then, as if we had not been spoiled enough, Imad surprised us with a delightful port that complimented the strawberries and flan incredibly.

If you cannot guess by now, I had an incredible dining experience at Cactus Taverna. It is THE restaurant I will be telling all of my friends about. I encourage you to go. Although I have not been on a weekend, I hear it's a great time. If you are looking for a place to take a date, go. If you are looking for a place to take your parents when they come in town, go. If you are looking for outstanding service, food and atmosphere at a very reasonable price, go. I doubt you will be disappointed.

It was murder trying to finish the last few bites of our meals. We were so incredibly full, but we managed somehow. After we were done, our plates were promptly cleared. Originally we had intended to try dessert, but it was just not possible any longer. We still had half a pitcher of sangria left, so we decided to stay a relax while listening to Dave. The restaurant is a smoke-free atmosphere. So, of course, being slaves to our addiction we had to go outside to

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resolution. This, however, doesn't happen. It almost seems like the writer wanted a fast way to sum up what could have been a very dazzling story. The IRS comes in and busts Rubell, thus leaving the empire of 54 to collapse in roughly 10 minutes.

With greater concentration in character development and the already fascinating glamour and mystic offered by the real 54, this movie could have been what it was pumped up to be. Despite its various flaws, Studio 54 is worth seeing, at least on video.

# Vending machines increase in both cost, variety

Kate Montero  
Features Editor

You are running down the halls in order to make it to class on time. Suddenly that nagging pang of hunger mounts a surprise attack, and you realize that there is no way that you will make it through class without a quick stop at the all holy vending machine.

After surveying the money situation, you are relieved to find exactly \$1.00 in nickels and dimes. However, a new increase that has raised vending machine prices this year leaves

you with the decision to side with either your hunger or your thirst.

The initial reaction to the above scenario may be anger. However, John Yarborough, Director of Central Stores, said that a price increase was the only way that on-campus vending machines could stay in business.

"The cost of vending machine items in the six years that the vending machine program has been in existence, has gone up an average of 16.1 percent," said Yarborough.

Yarborough stated, "We are just trying to stay liquid." Yarborough

also said that the vending machines had actually been losing money.

"The Hostess loaf cake costs us 42 cents. By charging 50 cents, we were only making an eight cent profit. So after losing a couple to staleness or other factors, you are no longer making a profit."

Yarborough hopes that the vending machine program will improve this year when SSU finalizes the purchase of machines that have a 45 product capacity.

"This will enable a much wider variety of selection of what we

are able to offer. We are also going to try and offer 10 to 15 items of healthier foods, such as grain bars," said Yarborough.

In late September or early October, SSU will get Hostess vending machines, making the university the first place in the US, excluding military bases where they are available.

Yarborough said, "We feel really good that the campus community is getting the best deal, while we are still able to stay in business. That's all we really want - to stay in business."

## Kiosk removal sparks campus controversy

Andrew Kamp  
Flyer Staff Writer

Students returning to SSU may have noticed something missing, the familiar information kiosks that were located around the campus. President Merwin made the decision to remove the kiosks over the summer before they became eye-sores.

Because the kiosks were removed during the summer months, many student organizations who use these kiosks were unable to express their feelings towards their removal.

A memorandum was sent to student organization presidents and advisors from Vice President of Student Affairs, Carol Williamson, explaining the removal of the kiosks. The memo stated, "The four outdoor kiosks were removed this summer for a variety of reasons. Including complaints from

student organizations whose promotional materials were covered over by other organizations or off-campus vendors, their questionable value as an effective means of promotion, the display of offensive material, and their perpetual state of disarray."

Although at the time the moving of the kiosks may have seemed inconsequential, it is now leaving organizations scrambling for legitimate places to post their news and information.

Williamson's memo also included several alternatives to posting on the kiosks, including SGA literature racks, *The Flyer*, *The SSU Newsletter*, bulletin boards in campus buildings, WSUR radio and MAX closed circuit television. The memo also states the possibility of the university acquiring College Television Network (CTN) and a large outdoor electronic bulletin board.

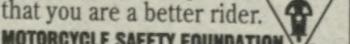
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# What's happening? A guide to campus events Come and see Churchill . . . chomping on a stogie?

When photographer Yousef Karsh set out to make a portrait of Winston Churchill in 1941, Great Britain's prime minister lit a fresh cigar and puffed vigorously.

Now nearly 90-years-old, Karsh ranks as the most celebrated portrait photographer of the 20th century. In fact, during the 1940's, 50's and 60's, it seemed that everyone who was anyone had to be "Karshed," as one of his subjects put it.

"By the time I got back to my camera, he looked so belligerent he could have devoured me," Karsh recalled. "It was at that instant that I took the photograph."

Karsh's Churchill became one

of the most widely reproduced images in the history of photography. Some have even suggested that the glowering, don't-mess-with-me image helped the Allies win World War II in Europe.

When Karsh held out an ashtray, but Churchill ignored it. Karsh waited and Churchill continued to chomp on his stogie. Finally, the photographer approached his subject and plucked the cigar out of his mouth.

Now, running through Oct. 25, an exhibit of more than 50 photographs of Karsh's most famous images will be in the University Gallery at SSU. The glittering company includes US presidents Dwight Eisenhower and John

F. Kennedy; First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy; a young Princess Elizabeth before she became Queen; artists Picasso and Alexander Calder; film stars Clark Gable and Laurence Olivier; Albert Einstein; writers Ernest Hemingway and Robert Frost (with his dog); and the only color photo in the group, Pope John Paul II.

"It's a very nostalgic exhibit," said Ken Basile, director of the University Galleries. "I think people will

enjoy it." In his published works, Karsh reminisces about his famous subjects. He recalls how Harry Truman was "short of temper, long on common sense." Singer Jessye Norman was "enthusiastic and

free of prima donna pretense." Hemingway was "a man of peculiar gentleness."

After more than 50 years, however, Karsh's favorite memory of a photo shoot was when Churchill said, "You can even make a roaring lion stand still to be photographed. You may take another one."

The SSU exhibit is on loan from the Weston Gallery in Carmel, CA, and Karsh's personal archive. Admission is free and the public is invited. University Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday noon to 4 p.m. For more information call the University Galleries at 410-543-6271.

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## GALA provides an outlet of freedom, expression

GALA, from page 16  
behind a particular gay symbol: the rainbow. Each color of the rainbow represents a different aspect of the gay population. The rainbow includes people of all different economic, ethnic, religious and political backgrounds.

How does this relate to Stewart's class? Being gay is not determined by proof of genital contact between people of the same gender. Being gay is about one's relationships with other people. It is not necessary to prove that writers like Emily Dickinson and William Shakespeare had genital contact with people of the same gender. What is important is that their love and devotion to people of their own gender gives today's society a much more accurate portrayal of gay lives than just drag queens and leather dykes. This statement is not meant to degrade these groups' interests. It is meant to reclaim some visibility for the hundreds of thousands of gay and lesbian people who live their ordinary lives with extraordinary courage.

GALA is a safe space for people concerned with GLBT issues. Throughout the school year, GALA will be sponsoring speakers on subjects of interest to a large number of students, such as AIDS education, job discrimination and more. Keep an eye out for flyers announcing the confirmed dates. The Speaker's Bureau

join, especially people with friends, family, roommates or co-workers who are GLBT. The group requests that people interested in attending a meeting respect two rules: 1) All people who attend GALA meetings are entitled to complete confidentiality; only people listed as 'campus contacts,' like Stewart and myself, have given permission to be publicly associated with GALA. 2)

GALA meeting are not a place to attack homosexuality. We can refer anyone questioning an individual's right to be gay to the appropriate publications and/or speakers.

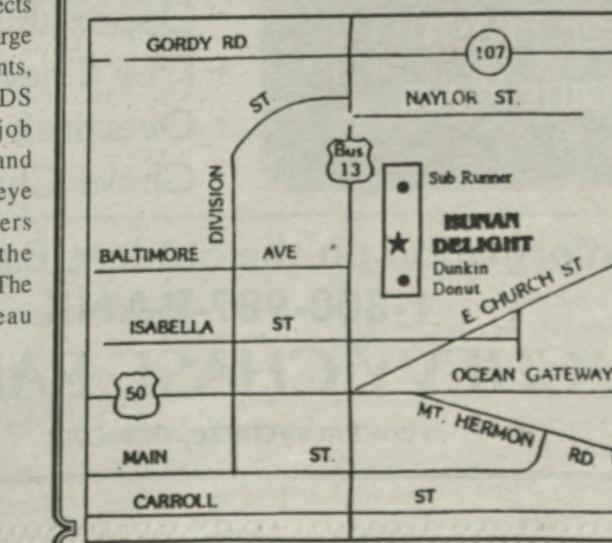
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# On Campus

## S • FIELD HOCKEY

Footba

The Sea Gulls suffered their first loss of the season, losing 21-7 to the Monarchs of Methodist on the road. Quarterback Matt Main threw four interceptions, as the Gulls couldn't capitalize on their opportunities. Monarch wide receiver William Ray caught two touchdown passes. The lone highlight was the 120 yards gained by running back Myron Dent. (*See Gull Takes, Page ?*)

Field Hocke

The Sea Gulls won their first two games in the Sea Gull Invitational on Saturday. Seniors Megan Hopper and Bonnie Wilson combined for six out of the seven SSU goals against Nazareth and Denison. The Gulls blanked both teams. In Sunday's game the Gulls lost 2-1 in overtime to Eastern Mennonite. (*Story this page*)

Men's Soccer

With 22 minutes left in Saturday's game versus Eastern Mennonite the Sea Gulls broke a 1-1 tie when freshman Paul Kelly scored the go ahead goal off a pass from Kyle Eberhardt. The victory on the road improves their record to 5-1. The Gulls go for win number six this Saturday against Frostburg State. If the Gulls win, it will be the first time since 1992 that SSU started their season 6-1.

Women's Soccer

Freshman Tina Ensor was one goal short of a hat trick, but her two goals led SSU over York on Saturday, 4-0. Junior Jen Marrola and sophomore Allison Nigro scored the first two goals for the Sea Gulls.

Volleyball

In a very impressive and quick game against Mary Washington College, the Sea Gulls swept the Eagles in straight sets in less than an hour in their first CAC home game. Senior Jen O'Neil led the team in kills as sophomore Katie Korreck had 29 assists. *(See game story on page 2)*

#### • WOMEN'S SOCCER

## **Ensor's two goals lift Sea Gulls past Spartans**

opportunities for most of the first half. The Sea Gulls, however, refused to get frustrated or lose focus.

"We kept attacking all game, and we didn't play on our heels. We pushed their players back a little and that took them out of their offense," said SSU head coach Jim Berkman.

This aggressive style of play paid off, with 13:45 remaining in the half when sophomore Allison Nigro kicked in a pass from forward Cortney Urban to give the Gulls a 2-0 lead. Ten minutes later, freshman midfielder Tina Ensor scored her first goal of the season on a breakaway by trickling the ball past York goalie Caitlin

McCracken. After enjoying a 3-0 halftime lead the team came out with the same intensity in the second half. The Spartans also picked up their game, but their efforts were thwarted by relentless SSU defenders and goalie Gina Ceneviva.

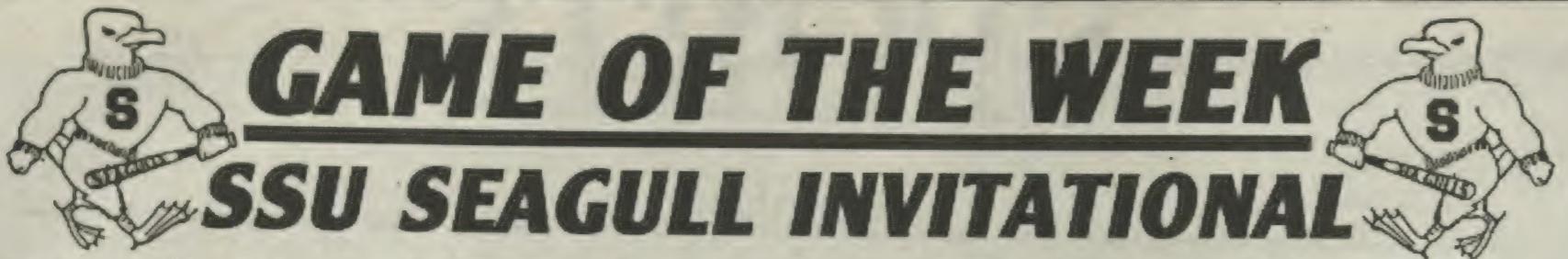
"We definitely dominated the whole game," said Jen Mazzola. "We did a lot of talking and had a lot of energy." It was that energy that allowed the Gulls to beat York to the ball and prevent them from scoring for the entire game.



**Shawn Kieselmann**  
Flyer Sports Writer

After suffering their first loss of the season this past week against sixth ranked Messiah, the SSU women's soccer team came back with a strong effort Saturday, to shut out York College 4-0 at Sea Gull field.

SSU held control of the ball throughout the first half, while shutting York down with their defense. Junior back Jen Mazzola scored the first Sea Gull goal with a strong blast from well outside the goal area at 35:49. Both teams struggled to find other scoring



# GAME OF THE WEEK

## SSU SEAGULL INVITATIONAL

### Strong field and former assistant coach take center court

Sam Atkinson  
Sports Editor

This weekend at the Maggs Center volleyball will be the center of attention as a five team field competes in the two-day Sea Gull Invitational. The field consists of Frostburg State University, Catholic University, Richard Stockton, Washington College and SSU, the host school, round out the group.

"I except a real hard tournament," said SSU head coach Margie Knight, in her second year at the helm.

The Sea Gulls come into the tournament coming fresh off a win over Mary Washington College last Saturday. The Gulls took the Eagles in straight sets, 17-15, 15-2, 15-12. The win improved the Gulls Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) record to 1-1 after suffering a loss to Marymount a week ago, 3-2.

A side story to this weekend's tournament is the return of former Sea Gull assistant coach Jen Bowman. Bowman is the new head coach at Frostburg State. She served under Knight last year with the volleyball and

The young Sea Gulls are led by seniors Michelle Dugan and Jen O'Neil. O'Neil had 12 kills and seven digs in the Mary Washington victory. She was also named to the all-tournament team two weeks ago at the Gettysburg Invitational.

"She's one of our captains. She has been leading us all year. She's leading us in kills per match," said Knight.

The Sea Gulls have picked up their game, after their loss to Marymount, with a focus on serving.

Juniors Liz Houser, Mandy Heagy and freshman Kara Kowalski have stepped up. Sophomore setter Katie Korreck is leading the Gulls in assists and is one of the top Sea Gulls in digs.

"We are looking to win the tournament. I think that would help us regional ranking wise. But we are going to work very hard to do that," said Knight.

### VOLLEYBALL

## Eagles no match for high flying Sea Gulls Korreck leads attack with 29 assists

Sam Atkinson  
Sports Editor

The SSU volleyball team came into their home Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) game versus Mary Washington College (MWC) Saturday in the Maggs Center with one thing in mind, win. It only took the Sea Gulls a little over 50 minutes to finish off the Eagles in straight sets, 17-15, 15-2, 15-12.

The Sea Gulls came in off a tough 3-2 loss on the road last Tuesday to another CAC foe Marymount. "We haven't played a game this quick yet.

But we reduced the number of errors and since that match [Marymount] we have worked very, very hard on our serving," said SSU head coach Margie Knight. "It's a nice rebound from Marymount which was a tough loss for us."

The Sea Gulls jumped out early in the first game 7-2. The Eagles would bounce back an knot the game at eight apiece and led 14-10 before the Sea Gulls regained their composure and lead.

"It's been something we have been doing all season. We came out really strong early and get a nice lead and then easy up," said Knight.

softball teams.

"We are going to be having our former assistant coach Jen Bowman come back home as Frostburg State's new head coach. They right now only have one loss," said Knight.

CAC opponent Catholic University has drastically improved their program. "They are making themselves known in the CAC," said Knight. Richard Stockton should be a tough team in the tournament.

"Last year we lost several games to them [Richard Stockton.] This year we want some revenge," said O'Neil. Washington College rounds out the field but shouldn't be that much of a threat.

"We are looking to win the tournament. I think that would help us regional ranking wise. But we are going to work very hard to do that," said Knight.

### Game Day

#### Volleyball (6-3) vs. (Catholic, Washington, Frostburg State, Richard Stockton)

**Site:** Maggs Center  
**When:** Friday & Saturday  
**Time:** TBA

### Schedule

**Friday,**  
September 25  
  
**Sea Gull Invitational -**  
- Volleyball  
vs. Catholic, Richard  
Stockton, Frostburg  
State and Washington  
(TBA)

**Saturday,**  
September 26  
  
**- Cross Country**  
at Dickinson  
Invitational (11 a.m.)  
**- Football**  
at Frostburg State  
(1 p.m.)  
**- Field Hockey**  
at Ithaca (1 p.m.)  
**- Women's Soccer**  
at Mary Washington  
(1 p.m.)  
**- Men's Soccer**  
vs. Frostburg State  
(2 p.m.)

**Sea Gull Invitational -**  
- Volleyball  
vs. Catholic, Richard  
Stockton, Frostburg  
State and Washington  
(TBA)

**- Field Hockey**  
at Oneonta (Noon)  
**- Women's Soccer**  
at Catholic (1 p.m.)

**Sunday,**  
September 27  
  
**- Field Hockey**  
at Oneonta (Noon)  
**- Women's Soccer**  
at Catholic (1 p.m.)

## Sea Gull takes two in own Invitational

SHUTOUT, from page 19

"Salisbury capitalizes on the use of their speed and execution. They have excellent stick skills," said Denison head coach Alix Rorke. "In the past we have lost to them pretty badly, by at least five goals. We always came in a little intimidated."

The relentless Salisbury scoring attack would finish the onslaught when Ball, off a corner, passed to Wilson at the top of the circle. Wilson wounded up and fired past Ludwig to give SSU the 3-0 victory.

"She [Wilson] has a great hit off the corner. If she can get it stopped and connect on it she's going to be hard to stop," said Chamberlin.

The Sea Gulls improved to 3-2 as the Big Red dropped to 7-4. SSU outshot Denison 13-2 and had nine corners to Denison's one. Ludwig made seven saves.

"We certainly are doing what we need to do. We dominated the game. We came out strong and aggressive and held the intensity throughout the entire game," said Chamberlin.

"I like playing Salisbury because it is a challenge and they are top five in the nation no doubt," said Rorke.

The victories help erase the heartbreak loss to Hopkins. "It

[Hopkins loss] hurt pretty bad. But we came back strong today. I think it made us want it more," said Hopper.

The Sea Gulls travel to New York this weekend to take on Ithaca and Oneonta. "Every time we go to New York it's a big weekend. It's tough. It's

a long weekend for us. It usually takes us 10 hours to get there," said Chamberlin. "We face Ithaca first and they are having a great season now. They always play us strong and playing on their home turf will be tough."

Oneonta is off to an impressive

start. "It's going to be tough. Everybody we play is out to get us. We just need to put the ball in the goal," said Hopper.

NOTES: Eastern Mennonite won the overall tournament. They defeated SSU 2-1 in overtime on Sunday. (The game took place to late to have complete coverage before press time.) Junior forward Laura Hess netted the overtime goal for the Royals.

Senior Kim Brennenman tied the game at one when she scored in the second half with only 46 seconds left in the game.

... The Royals defeated Nazareth and Denison on Saturday ... Eastern Mennonite is a perfect 8-0 ... Three of the four participating teams were ranked in the weekly field hockey coaches national top 20 poll. Eastern Mennonite checked in at number 10, SSU is 16th and Denison rounds out the poll at 20.



Denison junior Kara Feemster (13) tries to defend Sea Gull back Bonnie Wilson (23).

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• DELMARVA ROCKFISH

## Fall baseball steps up to bat in Delmarva

Sam Atkinson  
Sports Editor

The "Boys of Summer" can't hang up their cleats just yet, as a new Fall League is about to begin in Maryland and Delaware tonight. The Maryland Fall Baseball League debuts in Frederick, Bowie, Wilmington and Delmarva. The league features some of the top young players in Minor League Baseball.

Twenty-seven of the 30 Major League farm systems will be represented by prospects who played at the Class AA and Class A levels this summer. The teams will have an "all-star" look as each of the players will wear the uniforms of their Major League affiliates. The teams will play a 42-game schedule that runs through November 1st.

The teams play doubleheaders every Sunday afternoon, take Mondays off and play every evening from Tuesday through Saturday. Every home Saturday game is fireworks night.

The league was developed by Peter Kirk, Chairman of the Maryland Baseball Limited Partnership, which owns regular season Minor League teams in Bowie, Frederick and Delmarva, and Syd Thrift, Director of Player Development for the Baltimore Orioles. Keith Lupton of the Maryland Partnership is President of the league.

The Maryland Fall Baseball League was created to replace the Hawaii Winter League, a similarly-structured league, which ceased operations after five years. Another similar league, the Arizona Fall League, is made up of the top Triple-A prospects from the 30 Major League teams.

The Delmarva Rockfish open their season on the road tonight at the Bowie Nationals. The Rockfish have prospects from the San Francisco Giants, Montreal Expos, Cleveland Indians, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Boston Red Sox and the Atlanta Braves.

Headlining the list of players is first baseman Damon Minor of the Giants who is the brother of Baltimore Oriole top prospect Ryan Minor. Ryan Minor was the South Atlantic League's Top Prospect last year, when he played for the Delmarva Shorebirds.

Catcher Yorvit Torrealba, outfielder Mike Glendenning and

pitcher Bill Malloy, along with Minor, all played for the San Jose Giants who defeated Rancho Cucamonga for the Class A California League title.

Other notable players on the Rockfish are Montreal pitchers Jason Baker, former Shorebird and Jake Westbrook. Former number one pick Jacob Shumate of the Braves and Dwayne Jacobs should anchor down the pitching staff.

The outfield is full of speed with Cleveland prospect Jason Fitzgerald, Tampa Bay's Alex

prospects consist of Philadelphia top picks Eric Valent and Adam Eaton. Outfielder Dermal Brown led his Wilmington Blue Rocks to the Class A Carolina League title. Minnesota Twins top catching prospect Chad Moeller will be behind the plate.

Frederick Regiment is flooded with New York Met prospects as starting pitcher Grant Roberts should be the ace of the staff. Third baseman

Maurice Bruce led the Capital Bombers to the Class A South Atlantic League Championship. Bruce, the Bomber's leadoff hitter, smacked six home runs in eight post-season games. Former number one pick Terrence Long will roam in the outfield.

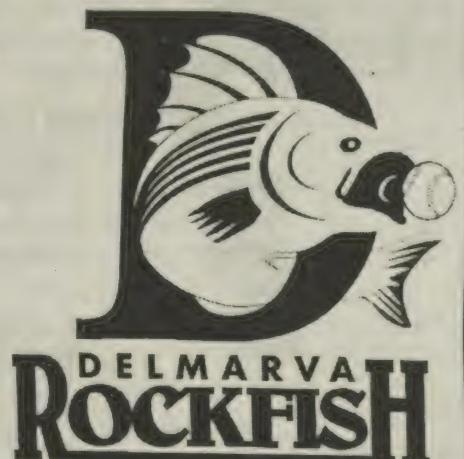
The Rockfish make their home debut against the Delaware Stars on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium.

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Sanchez and Montreal's Milton Bradley.

The infield will have Minor at first, David Eckstein [Boston] at second base, Aubrey Huff [Tampa] at third and Adam Robinson [Cleveland] at shortstop. Virgil Chevalier [Boston] and Toby Hall [Tampa], along with Torrealba, should share catching duties.

The Bowie Nationals have former Shorebirds Carlos Casimiro [second base] and John Parrish [pitcher]. Along with this year's Shorebird's save specialists, pitcher Derek Brown and last year's number one draft pick for Baltimore, catcher Jayson Werth.

The Delaware Stars top

outfielder Mike Glendenning and

# CAL ENDS STREAK!

## "I think the time is right"

BALTIMORE -- The Streak is apparently over. After 16 years and 2,632 consecutive games, Cal Ripken took himself out of the Baltimore Orioles' starting lineup Sunday night and was not expected to play -- ending the

most amazing iron man record in sports history with just one week left in the season.

"I think the time is right," Ripken told manager Ray Miller. The 38-year-old third baseman said he was not hurt. But with the Orioles out of playoff contention and playing their final home game against the New York Yankees, Ripken decided to end the string that began on May 30, 1982.

An Orioles source said Ripken, who had started every game during his streak, was not planning to play Sunday night.

The end came during a magical season that has featured the historic home run chase between Mark McGwire

and Sammy Sosa, a perfect game by David Wells and the Yankees' pursuit of the AL record for victories.

"What Cal did is so unbelievable. That's one record I do think that will be around for a generation," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "What he's done, he's done a great thing for baseball."

Albert Belle of the Chicago White Sox played his 327th straight game Sunday, the next-longest string in the majors.

There had been recent talk that Ripken would

play in 2,632 consecutive games, the man who broke Gehrig's seemingly unbreakable record by more than 500 isn't so sure the record will be his for eternity.

It

began when Ronald Reagan was still in his first term as president. It was overseen by eight managers -- including his father, Cal Sr. -- and lasted longer than most baseball careers. It was analyzed, criticized and scrutinized.

And now, it seems to be over.

While it appears no one will ever again



It was only three years ago since Ripken took his lap around Camden Yards, after breaking Gehrig's record of 2,130 consecutive games.

volunteer to end the streak,

which broke Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 straight games. Before the game, Ripken walked into Miller's office and asked to have his name removed from the lineup.

Rookie Ryan Minor started in his place.

One out into the game, when it became evident that Ripken would not be playing, all of the Yankees walked to the top step of the dugout and applauded.

Ripken emerged from the Orioles dugout, tipped his hat toward the Yankees and stepped back down to the bench. With the sellout crowd standing and cheering, Ripken came out again and bowed to his fans.

There was an immediate rush to the souvenir stands at Camden Yards, with fans lining up to buy programs to mark the historic night.

Ripken was bat-



Last Sunday against the New York Yankees, Cal Ripken for the first time took himself out of the starting lineup ending his streak at 2,632 games.

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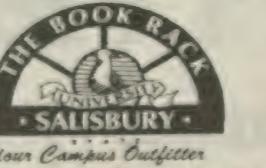
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Ripken began his streak on May 30, 1982.

## Sea Gulls blank Spartans

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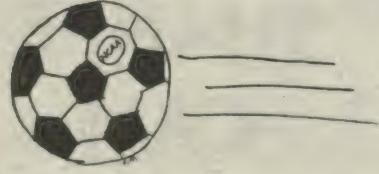
The game was capped off when Tina Ensor headed a ball off a cross pass from Tanya Dudrow with 29:28 left to play for her second goal.

"We passed the ball around and looked for opportunities to score. When we found opportunities, we put the ball in the net," said Ensor.

York seemed to be outmatched in their battle with SSU. "We were more athletic, had more team speed and were a deeper team. It was good to get this type of win after a tough loss," said Berkman.

The win improves the Sea Gull record to 6-1, and are ranked fifth in the South Region. The Spartans, in only their third year of play, dropped to 3-4 for the season. The shut out improves SSU's record to 4-0 all-time versus York.

Despite their 1-0 loss this past week to Messiah, the team remains upbeat and motivated. "We'll be all right if we just keep up the momentum and keep working hard. You can't let one loss get you down," said Ensor.



## Gull Takes

### Football

#### Sea Gulls throw game away against Methodist

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The SSU football team received another strong performance by Myron Dent as the Sea Gull offense outgained Methodist College by more than 100 yards. It wasn't enough as the Monarchs intercepted sophomore quarterback Matt Main four times and returned a blocked punt for a touchdown leading to a 21-7 victory.

The Sea Gulls held the ball for nearly 40 minutes in the game but didn't capitalize on their opportunities causing them to suffer their first loss of the season.

"It's disappointing because I think we outplayed them," said SSU head coach Joe Rotellini. "The mistakes at crucial times really hurt us."

SSU gained 186 yards on the ground and 149 through the air to

Methodist's 103 yards rushing and 108 yards passing. Dent rambled for 120 yards on 19 carries and Tony Ellis added 56 yards on 14 carries. Main completed 13 of 31 passes for 149 yards.

The first time SSU had the ball, the offense moved deep into Methodist territory, but Main was intercepted in the end zone, ending the drive.

The second drive was positive for the Sea Gulls as well but also proved futile in the end, as Ryan Pusey missed a

25-yard field goal.

The Monarchs would strike first when quarterback Brian Turner connected with William Ray on a 48-yard touchdown pass to give Methodist the 7-0 halftime lead.

SSU opened the second half scoring on a one yard scoring run half. The point after tied the game. On the next Sea Gull possession, Pusey was forced to punt deep in his own territory but had the kicked blocked. Jonty Leak of Methodist picked the ball up and returned it 11 yards for a touchdown to give the Monarchs the lead for good, 14-7.

"The blocked punt was huge because I thought we had the momentum and lost it," said Rotellini. "We can't be discouraged because we moved the ball well most of the day."

SSU was 1-for-6 in scoring chances from inside Methodist's 20-yard line. Ray would receive another touchdown pass from Turner in the fourth quarter to close out the scoring.

The Sea Gulls still lead the series record, 5-3.

The Sea Gulls finish their three week road trip next week, traveling to Frostburg State on Saturday.

The SSU Sea Gull Club sponsors weekly luncheons in the Common's Caroline Room on Thursday at Noon. Admission is free for students or faculty with a meal plan. All luncheons are open to the public. Coach Rotellini and selected players will be there to talk about last week's game and scout the upcoming game.

### 4-on-4 Flag Football Own the Zone Tournament

OCEAN CITY, MD. — Cumulus Broadcasting and Ocean City Special events are going to be holding the first ever 4-on-4 Flag Football Tournament on the beaches of Ocean City, MD. The event will take place on Saturday, September 26th during Sunfest. The tournament will be held at the Ocean City inlet beach.

The tournament is open to male and female participant's eight years and older. Teams are categorized based on age, height and playing ability. The tournament format consists of pool play, with a single-elimination playoff round in each division.

SSU student's receive 50% off the \$100 registration fee. Teams get official event T-shirts and are guaranteed at least three games.

Entry forms are available at Benders on the Bay, The Ocean City Outlet Mall stores, your local Ford Dealers and various stores on the boardwalk, or by calling 1.800.871.3288.

### • DELMARVA SHOREBIRDS

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## Shorebirds wrap up another sucessful 1998

SALISBURY, MD — With the close of the 1998 season on September 1, 1998, a pair of streaks remained intact for the Delmarva Shorebirds. The teams has now led the South Atlantic League (SAL) in attendance in all three years of its existence, in addition to qualifying for the playoffs in each of those three years.

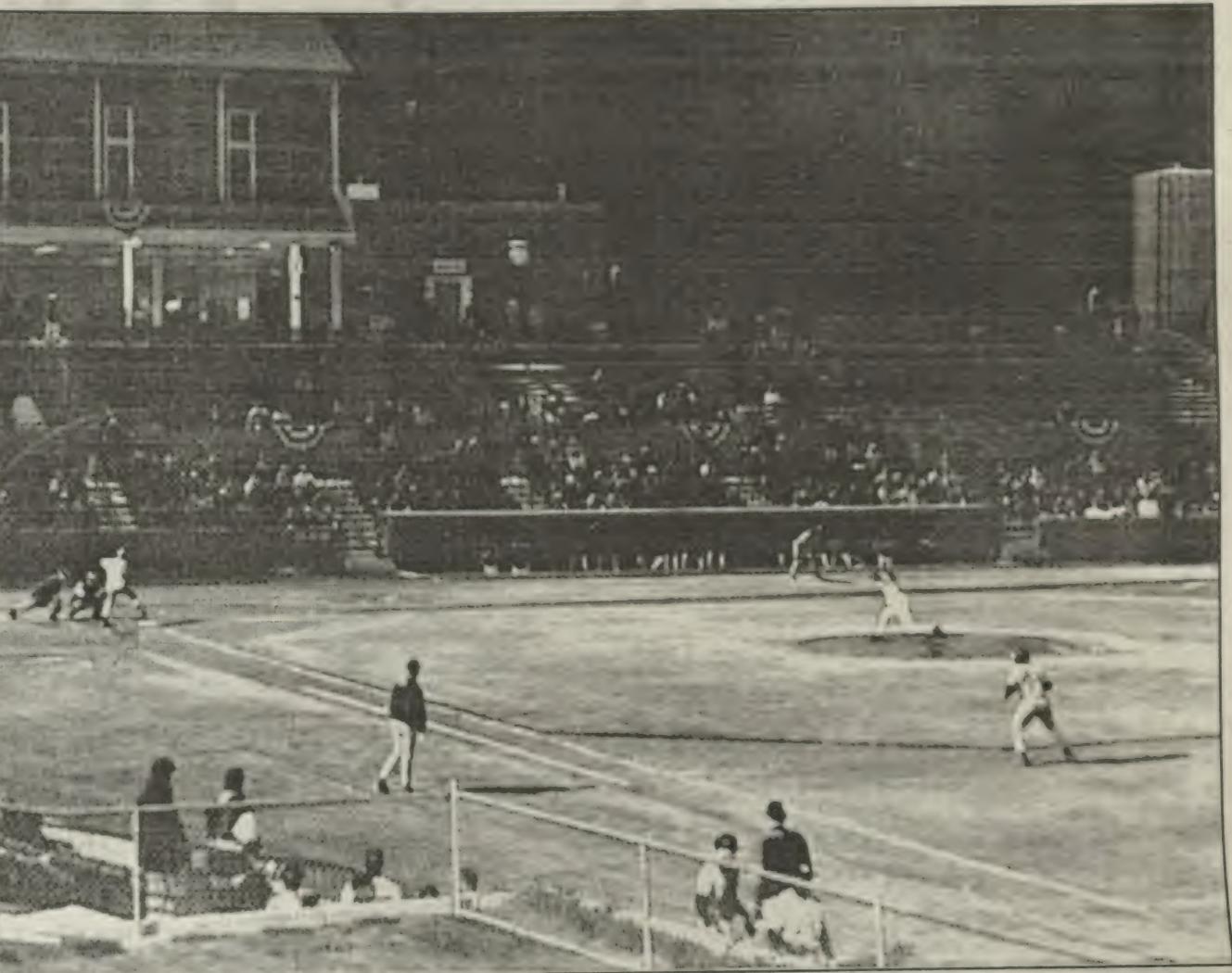
The Shorebirds outdistanced the 13 other teams in the SAL in attendance once again, drawing a final number of 295,938 to Arthur W. Perdue Stadium, more than 60,000 greater than second-place Charleston, S.C.

"We're ecstatic with the attendance this season," said Shorebirds General Manager Jim Terrill. "It's common for newer minor league teams to see a pretty big drop-off in attendance in their third year and here we still led the league by a wide margin."

The Shorebirds were even on pace to break the 300,000 barrier once again during the last homestand of the season, but the threatening weather accompanying Hurricane Bonnie damped the club's hopes.

"Numbers like these just go to show what a great fan base we have here on Delmarva," said Terill.

The Shorebirds were eliminated in the first round of the playoff by the Hagerstown Suns, 2-0. The 'Birds won the second half of the Northern Division.



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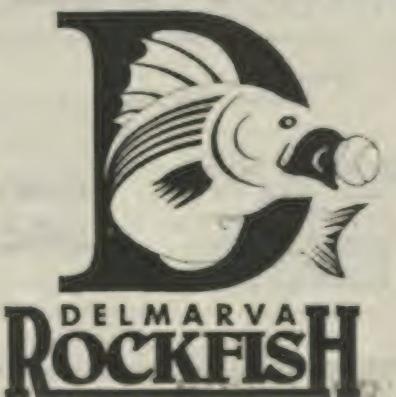
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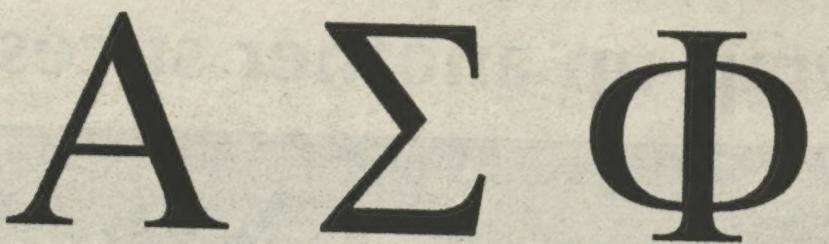
- \* Full coverage of the volleyball Sea Gull Invitational
- \* Profile on football defensive back Tony Hill
- \* Men's Soccer versus Frostburg State
- \* Delmarva Rockfish home opener
- \* The debut of the Capital Athletic Conference Standings page.



### Rockfish Schedule

Tues./Sept. 22	at Delaware
Wed./Sept. 23	at Delaware
Thurs./Sept. 24	at Bowie
Fri./Sept. 25	at Bowie
Sat./Sept. 26	vs. Delaware (7:05 p.m.)
Sun./Sept. 27	vs. Delaware (2) (1:05 p.m.)
Mon./Sept. 28	OFF
Tues./Sept. 29	at Delaware





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# GREEK FORUM

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**Delta Gamma**

Delta Gamma would like to welcome everyone back and thank all the girls who came out for Rush. It was our pleasure to meet each and every one of you. We would also like to thank all of the fraternities for their support during

Rush. You guys are great! A big congratulations to Julie Pierno for outstanding work with Rush and to all of the day heads: Allison Harriman, Kym Proctor, Steph Hires, Megan Joy and Allison Tighe. We would also like to congratulate our new VP of Communications, Megan Joy. That's all for now, but get ready because Anchor Splash is coming!

**Greek Council**

Greek Council has changed its format...finally! All organization presidents and representatives should be attending bimonthly meetings. If you haven't received a schedule yet, check your SSU mailbox or stop by the Greek Council office and pick up a copy.

Congratulations and thank you to Mindy and Jay for planning the successful Meet the Greeks BBQ. Good luck to all Greek organizations during Rush this semester!

**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**

Welcome back SSU. This semester looks to be a great one for SAE, Greeks and Salisbury State University. Thanks to all those who have come out to our parties, Meet the Greeks and our Rush events. We have had great turn outs and great times at all our events. We are looking forward to the Friday's social with Delta Gamma. Our rush has been very successful and we hope our luck continues throughout the year.

**Pi Lambda Phi**

Bitter! Congratulations to all our pledges. For any updates on X-Files ask Pete. He doesn't miss a beat. Thanks ZTA for the social. Banned. Tommy Dreamer and the Captain for life. Chris, can you come fix my window? Chi class: beware of the Irishman, he'll get you when you least expect it.

**Tau Kappa Epsilon**

Welcome back SSU! Hope everyone had a great summer. Wednesday night absolutely rocked. Ink, this week goes to Boone, Vaughn, Joker, Spider and Spooge. Millhouse is Whiffle Ball King. Pearl Jam ruled, thanks for being kind to my house. Until next week..

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# BRIEFLY STATED

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**Auditions for Salisbury Symphony Orchestra**

National Hispanic Scholarship: Applications for the Hispanic Scholarship are available in the Financial Aid Office, Powell Center 125. Scholarship is for \$1,000. Minimum eligibility requirements are: must be at least half Hispanic; a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; enrolled as full time student (at least 12 credits for undergraduates or 6 credits for graduates); must have already completed at least 15 semester credits of undergraduate work with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Application must be postmarked by October 15, 1998.

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**National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) will award approximately 1,000 new Graduate Research Fellowships awarded for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the fields of science, mathematics and engineering supported by the NSF. The deadline for application in the 1999 competition is November 5, 1998. Awards will be announced in late March 1999. For additional information, contact

**Lambda Pi Eta**

A big thank you goes out to LPE's advisors and all members who organized our Welcome Back Social last Thursday. We hope prospective members were able to gain some insight into what LPE is all about. Keep your eye on the Briefly Stated; we will continue to use this as one of our communication outlets for information about upcoming events. Our meeting schedule will also be organized soon. Until then, call Bryan or Dr. Morrison with any questions.

**Student Speaker for December Commencement**

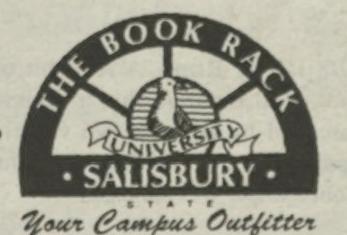
The University Graduation Committee is again seeking eligible students to deliver a brief address to graduating seniors this December. Criteria for eligibility include a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above (including summer '98 if applicable) and completion of at least 60 semester hours at SSU of which at least 30 semester hours are in 300 or 400 level courses (grades of A, B or C.) if you are interested and eligible for consideration for this honor, pick up an application and timeline in the Vice President of Student Affairs Office in the University Center, room 212. Application and speech must be submitted by noon, October 9..

**Roundtable on Race**

This informal discussion group will convene again this year to talk about campus climate, tolerance and diversity issues. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend any or all gatherings as follows: Tuesday, September 30 (Caroline Room of the Commons); Wednesday, October 28 (Caroline Room of the Commons); Thursday, November 19 (Frederick Room of the Commons); Friday, December 4 (Caroline Room of the Commons). All meeting times are from 3:00-4:30 p.m.



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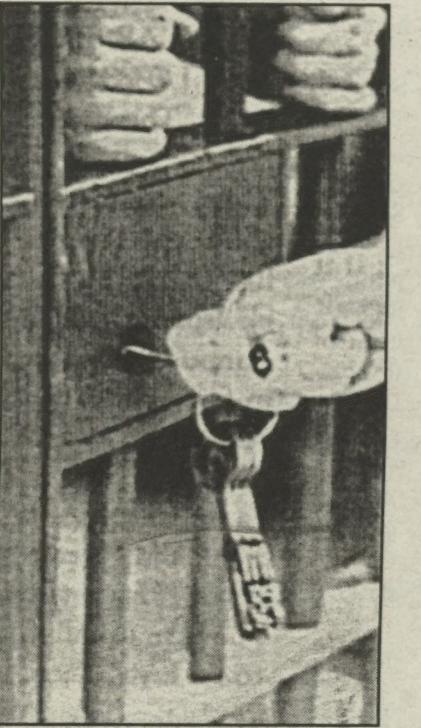


# CRIME BEAT

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Jim Phillips  
Director of Public Safety

On September 5, 1998, at 12:15 a.m., a female student was accosted by a man in the Chesapeake parking lot, near Chesapeake Hall. The suspect is described as follows: white male; approximately 35 years old; approximately 5'9" - 5'10" tall; "skinny" build; long, curly brown hair; mustache; wearing light-colored shorts and a t-shirt, possibly green in color; appeared to be under the influence of alcohol.

He came up from behind the woman, placed a folding type pocket knife to her body and pushed her into her car. A struggle for the car keys ensued and the victim received a cut on her hand. She was forced to drive the suspect off campus. While leaving campus, she observed several people walking and started blowing the horn to get their attention. After driving the suspect around for approximately 10-15 minutes, he exited the car near the Shell station at Rt. 13 and Bateman St. He was last seen running from the area.

In a possibly related incident, a student reported that at 8:15 p.m. a man with a similar description approached her on the north side of the Commons building and asked her if she wanted to "smoke a joint." He was wearing a short-sleeved green shirt with J&R Construction written on it.

8/14 - 8/25 **Theft** - Three computers were reported stolen from the first floor of Choptank. Acting on anonymous information, University Police arrested a student and charged him with theft. Trial date has been set for October 21 and administrative action is pending.

8/24 - 8/31 **Theft** - Two t-shirts were reported stolen from an office on the second floor of the University Center.

8/25 - 8/27 **Theft** - A bike was reported stolen from an unlocked/unoccupied room in Chester Hall.

8/28 **Vandalism** - The window to a room in St. Martin Hall was broken. Investigation revealed the suspect to be a student. Administrative action is pending.

8/28 **Theft** - A raincoat, red in color, was reported stolen from the first floor lounge of Severn Hall.

8/29 - 8/30 **Vandalism** - A resident of Choptank Hall reported that a wiper blade arm was bent on a vehicle while parked in the Chesapeake lot.

8/30 - 8/31 **Hit & Run** - A resident of Chesapeake Hall reported that a parked car was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked at either the Caruthers lot or an off-campus location.

8/31 - 9/10 **Theft** - A sorority charm was reported missing from a display case in the Book Rack. The Greek letters FM (Phi Mu) are inscribed on the charm.

9/3 **Theft** - A staff member reported that red parking permit #693 was stolen from a vehicle while parked in the Caruthers lot.

9/7 - 9/8 **Hit & Run** - A resident of Choptank Hall reported that a vehicle was damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in the Devilbiss lot. The right front bumper was damaged.

9/8 - 9/9 **Theft** - A resident of Chesapeake Hall reported that a bike

rack was stolen from the top of a car parked in the Chesapeake lot. The rack fits a Honda Civic.

9/8 - 9/15 **Vandalism** - A resident of Chesapeake Hall reported that a fog light on a truck was damaged while parked in the Chesapeake lot.

9/9 **Suspicious Person** - An employee reported that he was approached by an unknown person at a picnic table in Red Square near Caruthers Hall. The man was approached twice by the unknown person, who appeared to be possibly under the influence of drugs/alcohol.

The suspect is described as a white male, 18-20 years old, approximately 5'10", 170 lbs, thin build, crew cut with reddish hair, wearing a blue 3/4 length coat. The witness said he saw what appeared to be the handle of a pistol in the pocket of the coat.

9/10 **Theft** - It was reported that a credit card was used from campus to make unauthorized purchases through the Internet. There is a suspect and the investigation is continuing.

9/10 **Malicious Burning** - Papers on a bulletin board were set on fire on the fourth floor of Choptank Hall. The building smoke detector activated and everyone evacuated. The smoke was cleared and alarm was reset.

9/11 **Vandalism** - Nine hanging plants were damaged at the Pergola near the Devilbiss parking lot.

9/11 - 9/12 **Alcohol Violations** - The Salisbury Police reported that seven people were issued alcohol citations for minors in possession of alcohol in the Smith Street & Maryland Avenue area and the Waverly Drive & Camden Avenue area. One SSU student was issued a citation for a noise violation and two students were issued citations for consuming alcohol on public property. Four juveniles (non-students) were also issued citations.

Crime Solvers of the Lower Eastern Shore, Inc. will pay a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of criminals or capture of wanted persons. You do not have to give your name. Call 410-548-1776.

9/12 **Theft** - While in the area of Smith and Clairmont Streets, a University Police officer observed a student

carrying a stop sign. The officer stopped and asked the student for identifications. The Salisbury Police responded and placed the student under arrest for theft.

9/12 **Telephone Misuse** - A resident of Choptank Hall reported receiving several unwanted and annoying phone calls.

9/12 **Vandalism** - A student reported that a car was damaged while parked in the Caruthers lot.

9/13 **Alcohol Violation** - An underage resident of Manokin Hall was intoxicated at St. Martin Hall. She injured herself and an ambulance was called. The student refused medical attention. Administrative action is pending.

9/13 **Alcohol Violation** - A former student was found to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage in Manokin Hall. A no-trespass letter will be sent.

9/13 **Alcohol Violation/Disorderly Conduct** - An underage resident of St. Martin Hall was found to be in possession of an open container of beer. The student was uncooperative and refused to show ID to Residence Life staff, so the University Police were called. The student was identified. Administrative action is pending.

9/15 **Driving While Intoxicated** - The Salisbury Police arrested two SSU students for DWI.

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*The Bistro is an alternative dining site at the Commons which was established to provide an upscale atmosphere. It has its own servery and is open for lunch & dinner. At lunch you are welcome to sit in any of the dining rooms. At dinner you are required to sit in the Bistro. The F.O.O.D. Committee (composed of students) also requires proper attire and no hats while eating.*

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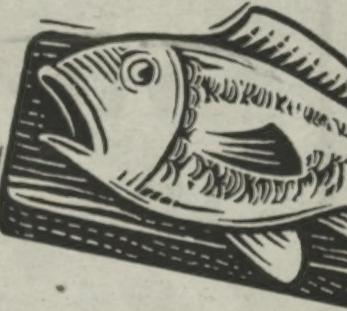


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